

**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

1. **BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

Figure 1  
**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<b>TOTALS</b>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	500	110	35	0	<b>655</b>
NAVY	288	93	29	2	8	<b>420</b>
MARINE CORPS	26	204	22	14	0	<b>266</b>
AIR FORCE	239	166	273	19	0	<b>697</b>
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
CIVILIANS	0	22	12	5	0	<b>39</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2078 *</b>

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

\*INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

2. **ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 505 Americans from Southeast Asia.

Figure 2  
**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973**

VIETNAM	375*
CHINA	2**
LAOS	123
CAMBODIA	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>505***</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973

\*\* 2 ashes returned from China

\*\*\* 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

3. **U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21,208 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

Figure 3  
**SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,896
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4,614
CRASH/GRAVESITES	5,126
DOGTAGS	9,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,208</b>

a. Of the 1,896 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,832 (97%) reports are resolved.

-- 1,283 (68%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).

-- 45 (3%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.

-- 504 (26%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

b. The remaining 64 ( 3%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U. S. Government analytical and collection efforts:

-- 56 (2.5%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.

-- 8 (.5%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).

c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

Figure 4  
**TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS**

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	<b>Total</b>
41	9	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	0	<b>64</b>